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To Whom It May Concern:

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, DC 20268-0001

901 New York Ave. NW, Suite 200

This letter is to appeal the final determination to close the Imperial, Texas Post Office (Docket 1367868-79743). I would like you to reconsider closing this post office as it would be a hardship to many citizens of this rural area.

When the study was conducted during the first part of the summer, school was out and many employees as well as many members of the community were on vacation. This is a small community and the school is one of the biggest employers. This timing affected the outcome of the study.

The document stated that our post master retired. He did not retire but took a post master job in Fort Stockton.

The document stated that retail service is also available at the Grandfalls Post Office 11 miles away. The Grandfalls Post Office is on a list of possible closures, which would make the nearest post office 29 miles away should it close.

The document states under advantages of the proposal that customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail. We already have 24-hour access to our mail as the post boxes are in an area of the post office that is accessible 24-hours a day. The document states that closure will save time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail. We will still have to drive to wherever the outside boxes are located. From this document, it does not appear to include daily home delivery, but delivery to cluster box units.

Finally, as a small, growing community, the importance of having a point of contact where most of the citizens go cannot be underestimated. Our post office is where we post notices for community events or other important information. From studies I have seen, there are many larger post offices losing a larger percentage than our office. We may end up being 30 miles away from many of the services provided by our post office. I would urge that you reconsider the closure of the Imperial, Texas Post Office.

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Sincerely, =

Jellier Buss